

not come to Sunday-school until he could get some shoes. We wish to assure you, dear friends, that we will use your charity as wisely as in us lies, and pray the Lord to direct us in all things.

Our Christmas service was a most enjoyable meeting. The children all seemed happy. We had treats for all the primary and intermediate classes in the Sunday-school, and all the children belonging to the Mission who were too small to attend, and then sent out treats to all the sick children we know of. The money for the treats, i. e., nuts and candy was contributed by friends of the work here. We had a tree which was donated by friends also. A kind, little girl at Warsaw, Ind., sent us the popcorn, saying that she wished to give it to the poor children in Chicago, so we popped it, and put it in little bags, and gave it out on the night of our Christmas service.

We wish to acknowledge boxes and barrels of clothing, received from the following places to wit: Waterloo Ia., Hudson Ia., Garrison Ia., Mexico Ind., Warsaw Ind., Flora Ind. Some write us asking what we can use. In reply will say: any clothing that will be worth making over and shoes for little folks, of all sizes.

We have not heard the results of the Christmas offering your Mission Board asked for, but several churches have written me that they had a good offering. We wish to thank all who responded, and several who have written us that it not being convenient for them to hold the offering on that date but would hold it later. Our services are all improving in attendance and interest.

EVERY NIGHT MEETINGS

We are now holding meetings every night, and will continue the remainder of the winter, the Lord permit. Three were baptized Sunday, and more are near the kingdom. We hope by the grace of God to gather in some of the results of our past year's work. Pray for us. Remember, my brethren, the missionary work is the *only business* the church has on earth, her schools, publishing interests, and all our missionary work.

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Indiana Mission Notes

All remittances should be made to the secretary of board as it avoids confusion. Today in making out reports I found it quite a task merely because funds had been sent to several sources.

Our income as a board the first quarter was \$224.60 or but a few cents less than \$75 a month. Had all money that was reported raised been sent in it would have been very near an average of \$80 per month for the quarter. The expenses of the board for postage and incidentals was \$2.53 or as you see it cost the board a fraction over 1 per cent to do what was done.

I was resolved at a recent meeting of the board, Brother Ditch being present and con-

enting, to make a point of work at North Liberty and Tea Garden and Brother Ditch to give one Sunday per month to the work at said place. We want to make this the best year for State missions the state has ever had. Will you help us? As work develops we will report. Help us so we may help you.

WM. H. MILLER.

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Notes From Zed H. Copp

Two more applications for church membership last Sunday. Praise the Lord.

The Sunday-school was reorganized with the following officers: Superintendent, John T. Eversole; assistant, Edward Smith; secretary, Mary Miltonberger; assistant, Grace Kimmel; treasurer, Hattie St. John. They are a live and well organized body and will accomplish great things for Christ and the church during the year.

Dayton has been favored with the visits of our much beloved J. M. Bowman, J. L. Kimmel and Josiah Keim since our last report. The latter two were present at the organization of the Dayton church which event took place Jan. 10. A fuller report will be given later. Thank God for the glorious prospects of this newly organized body of Brethren. May we go on to perfection.

Let the brethren of Ohio put on their thinking cap and send in suggestions looking to the promotion of the coming State Conference. Come, brethren, please act at once for "time flies," and if we crawl, we'll miss it.

I'm about well. Much sickness of our little ones.

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The Sunday School

LESSON 4.—JANUARY 28

The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus.—Matthew 3:17 to 4:11

Golden Text.—This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.—Matthew 3:17.

Lesson Thought.—Jesus the Son of God, is a perfect example in all things for all men.

Time.—The time of this lesson is not definitely known, probably January A. D. 27.

Place.—The baptism of Jesus is supposed to have taken place at some of the fords of the Jordan, called Bethabara, five miles north of Jericho. The temptation in the northern part of the wilderness of Judea, just above Jericho, west of the Jordan.

Persons.—Jesus was now about thirty years old. See Luke 3:23.

Home Readings

Compare Luke 3:21, 22, with 4:1-13. Read James 1:2, 13, 14; II Peter 2:9; Eph. 6:11-13; I Peter 5:8. Learn by heart Matt. 3:16, 17.

Lesson Text

13 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to the Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14 But John would have hindered him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15 But John answering said unto him, Suffer it now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffereth him.

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up

straightway from the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon him;

17 And lo, a voice out of the heavens, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he afterward hungered.

3 And the tempter came and said unto him, If thou art the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and he set him on the pinnacle of the temple,

6 And saith unto him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: And on their hands they shall bear thee up, Lest haply thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 Jesus said unto him, Again it is written, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8 Again the devil taketh him unto an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9 And he said unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Lesson Links

This lesson follows immediately upon the last.

John had gone up and down the Jordan. His fame as a preacher had spread thru all that country, and the people who were that year at leisure and not engaged in farming because of its being the Sabbath year, that is the one year in seven when the land was not tilled but rested, had been drawn by the excitement which his message created, to the banks of the Jordan. John had now gone as far north in his preaching and baptizing as Bethabara, or Bethany, "one of the best known fords across the Jordan into Perea," says Edersheim. This ford was only about twenty miles from the home of Jesus at Nazareth.

The Lesson Story

Steadily, quietly, Jesus, the carpenter, of Nazareth, had been working at his trade for 18 silent years. We cannot think of him any other way than as a good carpenter. Doubtless, he was a quiet, thoughtful man, well versed in Scriptures and serious minded about life and destiny. He was used to reading in the synagogue on the Sabbath and explaining the meaning to the people, as we know from his practice on his return from his first journey to Jerusalem at the time of the temptation. (Lk. 4:16.) Jesus was a church goer. Jesus was an *active church worker*.

Hitherto, he had planed and thought, sawed and prayed. But at last a day came when he threw down the plane and the saw and picked them up no more. That voice from Jordan had reached him. The preparation for his hour was over. The long years of waiting for the door to open, for the decision to be reached, for the hour of service